

## Community Notes

• Retired educator **Elizabeth Randolph** will receive the Whitney M. Young Jr. award by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League March 12.

Randolph will receive the award at the Omni Charlotte Hotel from her nephew, Baltimore mayor Kurt Schmoke, as part of the third annual Whitney M. Young Jr. award dinner. Randolph served more than 50 years in education, including stints as associate superintendent of curriculum for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, principal at University Park Elementary School and teacher at West Charlotte High School.

For tickets or table reservations, call the Urban League at 376-9834.

• **The N.C. NAACP Kelly M. Alexander Sr. Humanitarian Award Banquet** will be held March 16 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park. U.S. Senate candidate Harvey Gantt will receive the Humanitarian Award and

Fred Rasheed, the NAACP's director of economic development and interim administrator from 1994-95, will receive the Charles A. McLean Distinguished Service Award.

Banquet tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by calling (910) 275-0851.

• **The Wesley Heights neighborhood** will throw a Bob Marley birthday bash for a greener community Sunday.

The party/benefit will be held at the Pterodactyl Club, 1600 Freedom Drive. Doors open at 8 p.m. and donations are \$5 at the door. Reggae bands will play from 9 p.m. until closing. Proceeds will go to the Wesley Heights community to help develop a greenway for the neighborhood.

For more information, call 342-3400 or 334-1537.

• **The Westside Political Action Committee** will hold a candidate endorsement forum Saturday. The forum will be held at 9 a.m. at St. James United Methodist Church in the northwest corner of Freedom Drive and Interstate 85. West Charlotte

residents can meet candidates who have endorsed Westside PAC objectives and to hear their general platforms.

• **The Local Organizing Committee of the Million Man March and Present Day Ministries** continue its African American History Month lecture series through March 1.

A presentation, "Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community," will be held Friday at 7 p.m. at Present Day Ministries, 2730 Rozzelles Ferry Road. On Sunday, the presentation "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Minister Malcolm X: Were Their Struggles The Same?" will be given by Ahmad Daniels. Also, "The Harlem Renaissance and Today" will be presented by Frank Creft.

Panelists will include N.C. NAACP President Kelly Alexander, Bob Davis of the Black Political Caucus, Pastor James Ephraim of McClintock Presbyterian Church and JoAnn Stevenson Jenkins of the Drug Education Center. On March 2, "The Nile

Valley Civilization," rescheduled from Feb. 2, will be presented. For more information, call 393-5474.


• **Charlotte Latin School** is testing next month for minority scholarship applicants.

Testing for two four-year

scholarships sponsored by Cogentrix Energy Inc. will be held March 16.

Applicants must be entering ninth grade in the fall to be eligible. For more information, or to make an appointment, call the school's admission


office at 846-7207. Testing can be arranged for a date other than March 16.



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## Housing alumni asked for help

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AME Zion Church; and Virginia Massey Jamison, the housing authority's public relations assistant who grew up in Southside Homes.

Shannon said he's hoping to involve former housing authority residents from all walks of life, "not just the ones with degrees in hand and jobs making \$80,000-\$90,000 a year.

"We want just families that moved up and got good jobs at Lance or are a mechanic or a nurse or an administrative assistant making a decent living. Who moved from dependence to independence. People from up and down the economic ladder."

The alumni association, once it organizes, will decide what it wants to do and what programs, if any, it wants to undertake, he said.

Possibilities include adopting families to mentor and helping teach residents how to run businesses and about getting further education and training.

"There are so many needs...but the laborers are few. We need tutors. We need scoutmasters. Ninety percent

## Youth fast for others

By Herbert L. White  
THE CHARLOTTE POST

A group of Charlotte teens plan to go without food so that others can eat.

The Fighting Back Youth Council will hold a World Vision Famine Friday and Saturday. The goal is to go 30 hours - from 11:59 p.m. Thursday to 6 a.m. Saturday - without food. Students from South Mecklenburg, West Charlotte East Mecklenburg and Myers Park high schools will meet at the McCrory YMCA on Beatties Ford Road Saturday during the last stages of the fast. The object is to bring attention to the plight of America's - and Africa's - hungry children.

"We've never done anything like this before," said Monicka McKee, 18, the council's trainee advisor. "We've always wanted to do something for kids who are hungry."

Fasters can donate money or canned goods to join the effort. Organizations can donate \$10; individual students \$1 and two canned goods. Proceeds will go to Loaves & Fishes and hunger relief for children in Somalia. When fasters gather at the YMCA Saturday, they'll abstain from food, relying on fruit, juice and water to get through the day.

"Juice and fruit should hold you, I hope," McKee said.

of the families in public housing are headed by females.

"They could have picnics in the summer. And a formal banquet, with presentations and awards. The key is kind words, words of encouragement. A lot of families need to feel good about who they are. It would be such a great benefit to families we serve."

Barber said he sees the

alumni association letting current residents know "we didn't just show up at NationsBank or running our own business."

"There were a lot of people I can remember growing up who were afraid to dream. Who were afraid of being disappointed," he said. "The biggest challenge out there is to rise above lower expectations. Mentors are important."

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